

Home Town Helps

YOUR TOWN.

Real towns are not made by men afraid. Let some one else get ahead; When everyone works and nobody shirks You can raise a town from the dead.

And if while you make your personal stake Your neighbor makes one, too, Your town will be what you want it to be, It isn't your town—it's you!

If you want to live in the kind of a town Like the kind of a town you like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike.

You will only find what you left behind, For there's nothing that's really new, It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town, It isn't your town, it's you! —Helen Perkins, in New York Sun.

CONSTRUCT POOL IN GARDEN

In Added Attractiveness It Is Worth All The Time and Trouble That It Entails.

A very interesting and attractive garden pool can be made with a little hard work and at a small expense, and where the garden is sufficiently large the pool adds wonderfully to the artistic make up.

In an amateur's garden recently the owner was caught in the act of putting on the finishing touches of the pool and its decorations.

The garden was in the rear of the house and the pool was in the left hand corner at the rear. Not in the extreme rear corner, as back of it was a bed of iris arranged in semi-circular form in front, bordering a gravel walk. Back of this was a bed of peonies and the corner was to be filled later with salvia, backed with cannas.

The gardener had dug the pool himself. It was about ten feet in diameter and two feet six inches deep. In the bottom stones had been laid and the bottom and side covered with cement.

A rockery was made of a lot of large stones encountered in digging, with a few brought in from a neighboring field to complete the work. The rockery was not in the center, but to one side at the rear of the pool. An iron pipe led off to the gutter in the rear for an overflow.

The bottom was covered with odd stones that had been selected for the purpose on various motor trips in the country and gave a natural appearance to the pool.

A few handfuls of frogs' spawn had been gathered and placed in the pool, ferns and rushes had been planted and water lilies were to be set out later, after which a few gold fish will be added.

There is no fountain or inlet to the pool; the water is supplied by the lawn hose.

This idea can be followed by gardeners, who find that the pool and bog garden not only adds to the beauty and interest of the garden, but it is a source of considerable pleasure as well.

IMPORTANT FACTOR OF CITY

Nothing Really of Greater Moment Than the Question of Proper Transportation.

A city is a big business institution. Not merely in the business it undertakes of its own, but rather in the part it plays in the business of the whole community.

Take the comfort of its citizens, for instance. During the war the lumbermen found they had relatively little labor trouble in camps in which it was possible for families to live a normal, wholesome life. Schools, churches, medical attendance, amusements—all entered into the labor problem.

What was true in the camps is true in every city. The comforts available for people help to determine the business possibilities of the city.

Another important business factor is that of the traffic system. In addition to street railway transportation, there must be adequate trafficways to handle business. It must be possible for people to get quickly and easily from one part of the city to another and it must be possible to deliver goods readily.

Would a large automobile plant be able to turn out its enormous production of cars daily if it were cluttered up, if its passageways were relatively as narrow and congested as those of Kansas City?—Kansas City Star.

A Word for the Wild Bird.

A suburban or city home may be very attractive to people, but not attractive to the birds. Remember, they are not looking for beauty parlors. The thrifty little songster is in constant danger from the cat. It is claimed that in the state of New York there are five cats to every farm. It is no wonder the cry is coming from the various states all over the Union that plants, trees, and vegetables are being taken, whole crops of them, by pests, when the family cats—persistent bird killers—are kept and encouraged. Give the wild birds a chance by assuring them protection and an attractive nesting place. Note how they repay you. A free orchestra, with your fruits, flowers and garden thrown in.—Thrifty Magazine.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

A wide-spread hopeful disposition is your only true umbrella in this vale of tears.—T. B. Aldrich. Have enough strength to be sweet, enough sweetness to be strong and too much of both to be queer.

SOME GOOD THINGS FOR THE TABLE.

A sponge cake is easy to prepare and most usually well liked, is especially good for the little people and may be varied by various icings or fillings.

Two Egg Sponge Cake.—Separate the white and yolks of two eggs, beat the yolks until thick. Add to them half a cupful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Take a teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt and one cupful of flour sifted together. Beat the whites, add a half cupful of sugar to them, then put the two egg mixtures together and fold in the flour, very lightly, then add half a cupful of water and sprinkle sugar over the top of the cake. Bake in an ungreased tin thirty minutes.

Sponge Drops.—Beat five eggs very light, then add one cupful of sugar and beat again. Add a teaspoonful of lemon extract and fold in one cupful of sifted flour. Drop in gem pans and bake rather quickly.

Potato Cake.—Take one cupful of shortening, two cupfuls of sugar, half a cupful of milk, one cupful of mashed potato, one cupful of chopped nut meats, one-half cupful of sweet chocolate, two and one-half cupfuls of flour, four eggs, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and allspice. Best when a few weeks old.

Chili Stew.—Take one and one-half pounds of steak put through the meat grinder. Heat one and one-half tablespoonfuls of butter and the same of olive oil. Add six tablespoonfuls of chopped onion, four cloves of garlic; fry until a light brown. While frying add one and one-half tablespoonfuls of Worcestershire sauce and three teaspoonfuls of chili powder, stirring well. Pour into the pan enough water to cover the bottom and then add the meat, almost covering with water. Cook for fifteen minutes slowly, then add three cupfuls of canned tomato and two teaspoonfuls of salt. Blend one and one-half tablespoonfuls of flour with a little tomato juice and add to the stew. Put into a casserole and bake in the oven for an hour. Serve with rice or boiled noodles.

Nellie Maxwell The KITCHEN CABINET

But what more oft in nations grown corrupt, And by their vices brought to servitude, Than to love bondage more than liberty, Bondage with ease than strenuous liberty?

WHEN FRIENDS "DROP IN."

A nice little dainty to serve with a plain lettuce salad is:

Cheese Biscuits.—To a baking powder mixture add one-half cupful of grated cheese. Roll out to one-third inch in thickness, shape with a small cutter dipped in flour and bake in a hot oven twelve minutes. If the cheese is ready these biscuits will be ready to serve in seventeen minutes, taking five minutes for mixing. It is a wise plan to have a bottle of grated cheese always ready to add to a white sauce for toast, to creamed potatoes, to omelets and various other dishes.

Scrambled Eggs With Smoked Halibut.—Freshen a half-cupful of smoked halibut by soaking in warm water. Mix four beaten eggs with a half a cupful of milk, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, a few dashes of pepper. Melt one and one-half tablespoonfuls of butter in an omelet pan, add the egg mixture and cook. When half done add the halibut, drained from the water, and finish cooking. Turn on a platter and garnish with toast points.

Creole Chicken.—This may be prepared the day before and reheated. Cut up a well-cleaned fowl, cover with boiling water and cook five minutes, then simmer in a fireless cooker or on the back of the range for half an hour. Cook two cupfuls of canned tomatoes and half a bay leaf 15 minutes, then strain. Chop one small onion and cook in the bacon fat with minced bacon, using three slices; stir constantly until yellow; add the fowl with the tomato, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, two red and two green peppers cut in fine strips and two teaspoonfuls of salt. Boil five minutes, return to the fireless or back of the range and cook until the fowl is tender. This makes a fine casserole dish, baking in the oven instead of in a fireless cooker. When ready to serve thicken the sauce with flour. Cook well and heat all together until very hot.

Rich Gift to Museum. Field museum, in Chicago, has just been given a rare treasure trove, consisting of a collection of gold ornaments excavated from the basin of the Nechi river in Colombia, South America, last June, consisting of breastplates, aprons, elaborate earrings, bells and necklaces, all in pure gold, forming the most valuable collection in the world of art of Colombia's ancient inhabitants.

Nellie Maxwell

WILL ROAR TOWARD GERMANY

Position of Sculptured Lion on Famous Battlefield of Waterloo is to Be Reversed.

The lion on the battlefield of Waterloo is to face the other way, and before long it will stand with open, ponderous paws roaring silently, after the manner of your fierce but considerate sculptured lions, toward Germany instead of France. Fortunately for the quiet of the countryside the roar is imaginary or the lion would long ago have become a nuisance whichever way he faced. The lion was set up by Belgium after the battle of Waterloo, and stood as a warning to France not to engage in any more Napoleonic dreams of conquest; and year after year it looked toward France, while behind it Germany prepared for the next effort to dominate other nations. It maintained its attitude while Germany carried through the program that separated Alsace-Lorraine from France; but presently behind the lion's back Belgium began to fortify, and eventually left him in the ridiculous position of looking in one direction while the Belgian fortifications looked in another. A tame lion, one might say, roaring for the edification of tourists and with no personal feeling about it. But now Belgium decides to turn him round and let him roar toward Germany as a solemn reminder of the unwisdom of dreams of world conquest.

THINK TERM IS EFFEMINATE

Some Tennis Players Object to Word "Love" as at Present Employed in Scoring System.

There is talk among the overlords of tennis of finding another word than "love" to mean "nothing" in the scoring system, for, although it may surprise many to hear it, the game is sometimes spoken of as effeminate, and this bit of terminology is held responsible. Nobody has ever explained why "love" means "nothing" in tennis, but there is a footnote in an old and rare book about card-playing which refers to an old Scottish word "luff," which meant "nothing," and this, perhaps, may have been somehow transferred into the game of tennis. Or, again, the term may be of far eastern origin, where a word sounding like "love" was used in the old form of tennis that was once popular in the orient. Whether or not the terminology undergoes change, the game is in no immediate danger of falling off in popularity, and the repeated shouting of these seeming endearments across the tennis net has occasioned much innocent merriment.—Christian Science Monitor.

Honor Cuban Generals.

Cuba is to pay honor to the memory of General Maximo Gomez, the island republic's military hero, by erecting a costly monument. A first prize of \$25,000 was awarded recently to Aldo Gaba, an Italian sculptor, for a model of the memorial, which is to cost \$200,000. Second and third prizes went respectively to Huertas Cabarrocas, a Spanish-Cuban, and Gutson Borghum, an American. General Gomez became popular as the leader of the Cuban forces in the war for independence from Spain, from 1895 to 1898. He also took a prominent part in the Ten Years' war, a revolt which began in 1868. On the day of his death, June 18, 1905, the general's family was presented with a gift of \$100,000 by the government of Cuba. At the conclusion of the Spanish-American war, General Gomez was honored at a public reception given by the American forces occupying Havana at that time. —Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Helium Gas Cheapened.

Up to 1915 the total output of helium gas in all the world had probably been less than 100 cubic feet, and it was worth about \$1,700 a cubic foot. But just before the armistice was signed a shipment of 150,000 cubic feet of helium gas was sent to Europe, and it costs less than 10 cents a cubic foot.

Helium gas was first discovered on the sun, by spectroscopy. It is the best gas for use in balloons, because it is not inflammable. It is now extracted from the natural gas of Texas and Kansas.

The method is delicate and complex, but is based upon the fact that the principal constituents of natural gas liquefy when cooled to about minus 329 degrees F., but that helium remains a gas at that temperature, and hence is easily separated.

Surveyors Use Airplanes.

Four airplanes are being used to survey the extensive forests of Labrador to determine the value of the wood pulp represented by the growing trees. Aerial photographs will be taken of many parts of the peninsula for use in compiling statistics. The surveying party, which left the United States recently for Nova Scotia, is composed of 40 persons and is headed by a man who served two years as a captain in the British air forces.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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